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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), on the basis of informal consultations

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59 and 2004/61 of 23 July 2004, 2005/2 of 1 March 2005 and 2005/32 of 26 July 2005 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Welcoming the successful conclusion of the second round of Presidential elections on 24 July 2005 and the formal completion of the transitional period and encouraging the Government of Guinea-Bissau to continue its efforts to further deepen transparency and good governance,

Recognizing the continuing efforts of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to improve its management of public administration and to strengthen economic reforms,

Expressing concern at the emerging food crisis in the southern part of the country and in this regard expressing appreciation for the continuing efforts of the World Food Programme to assist vulnerable populations in Guinea-Bissau,

Welcoming the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country in its pursuit of its pressing short- and long-term development objectives,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;[1]

[1] E/2006/8.

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2. *Invites* the donor community to provide support, including its consideration of providing, where appropriate, the budgetary support needed to enable the minimum functioning of the State, in particular by providing additional contributions through the Emergency Economic Management Fund managed by the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Notes* the importance of funding the country's poverty reduction strategy plan and expresses concern that the two previous donor round-table conferences did not take place as scheduled and, in this regard, encourages all partners of Guinea-Bissau to participate in the donor round-table conference scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2006;

4. *Reaffirms* the need to create an enabling environment in Guinea-Bissau for the promotion of sustainable development in the country, expresses support for the efforts of Guinea-Bissau to carry out economic reforms and, in that regard, renews its invitation to the authorities and all relevant actors of Guinea-Bissau to consolidate political and institutional stability;

5. *Urges* the international community to remain engaged with Guinea-Bissau and, in that regard, decides to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council.